

Weekly Views

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Friday, March 13, 2009

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Miami Correctional Facility aided the Miami County Emergency Management Agency when they asked for assistance in filling sandbags to prevent flooding in northern Miami County. 20 offenders filled 1,800 sandbags in about 2.5 hours.

New Castle Parole Agents and Supervisor Fafata attended the open house of the Fayette County Community Corrections Work Release center. The facility has 56 work release beds, some to be offered to parole for intermediate sanctions.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a GED Graduation Ceremony and recognized 21 students. Logansport Mayor Mike Fincher delivered the Keynote address, and Cass County Circuit Judge Leo Burns also attended.

PEN Products hosted a Samaritan's Feet event where IUPUI's basketball coach Ron Hunter showed local media the warehouse filled with donated shoes. Offender workers sort shoes to prepare for shipment to Africa and South America.

Branchville held a graduation for 83 offenders who successfully completed Therapeutic Community treatment programs.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility will utilize RealCare Babies during a Baby Care Basics course this weekend. This program will allow 9 residents to keep a baby simulator with them and requires them to respond to the baby's needs.

Pendleton Correctional Facility's Inside Out Dad program donated 16 baby blankets to the IWP Wee Ones Nursery.

The Jaycee offender organization at the Indiana State Prison held a pizza and pop sale for the offender population and raised \$4,000, which will be donated to local non-profit organizations on a rotating basis.

Miami Correctional celebrated Black History Month with an Art and Essay contest sponsored by the Recreation Dept.

Parole Agents from New Castle Parole helped Union County on a Probation/Parole/Community Corrections sweep.

The Community Advisory Board for Indiana State Prison, Westville Correctional Facility, and Camp Summit met to discuss strategic planning for the IDOC. Population projections and Pew Center Report data were presented.

Correctional Industrial and Plainfield Re-entry Educational Facilities will each host a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) weekend. Offenders and their significant others will work to enhance their relationships.

Edinburgh staff donated 10 cases of canned goods and 10 boxes of dried items to the Lords Locker in Trafalgar, IN.

Allen County Community Corrections and the IDOC have initiated the Allen County Re-Entry Program (ACRP). ACRP will connect offenders to their community 60 days prior to CTP and will work with the court on their re-entry process.

Camp Summit recognized 19 students this week for successfully completing Napoleon Hill's Keys to Success Program. The program is designed to help make the connection between positive pro-social characteristics and success.

Plainfield Correctional Facility participated in a mock audit conducted by Central Office staff. PCF received a 100% on all mandatory standards and a 98.4% on all non-mandatory standards.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility had 9 offenders graduate from the Inside Out Dad program. Offenders had dinner with their family, and fathers were given an opportunity to read with their children.

23 students with the Law Enforcement Program at Ivy Tech in Columbus toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility.

Plainfield Correctional Facility's PLUS program presented a check for \$900 to Project Angel, a Hendricks County non-profit organization. Project Angel provides necessary funds to enroll needy children into extracurricular activities.

The Northern Indiana Critical Incident Stress Management team met at Miami Correctional for its quarterly training.

Christian artists Jimmy Fauntleroy and Edward Pithey will perform at Indianapolis Juvenile this weekend.

Parole District 3 Supervisors and Agents, along with IMPD Officers and State Troopers, conducted a parole sweep this week. As a result, weapons, drugs, and ammunition were confiscated, and 4 arrests were made.

Correctional Industrial Facility held its third PLUS graduation for 55 offenders this week.

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